
Federal Communications Commission

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Family Stations, Inc.)	File No.: EB-FIELDSCR-14-00015780
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Licensee of Station K218EJ)	NOV No.: V201432540011
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Galveston, Texas)	Facility ID: 20799
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: June 4, 2014

By the Resident Agent, Houston Office, South Central Region, Enforcement Bureau:

1. This is a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's rules (Rules)¹ to Family Stations, Inc., licensee of FM Translator Station K218EJ in Galveston, Texas. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation(s) noted herein.²

2. On May 28, 2014, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau's Houston Office inspected Station K218EJ located in Galveston, Texas and observed the following violations:

- a. 47 C.F.R. § 74.1234(a)(2): "(a) A station authorized under this subpart may be operated without a designated person in attendance if the following requirements are met: (2) The transmitter shall be equipped with suitable automatic circuits which will place it in a nonradiating condition in the absence of a signal on the input channel." On May 21, 2014, the station was observed transmitting a carrier, but no audio programming. On May 28, 2014, during an inspection of the station, it was determined that the equipment used to place the station in a nonradiating status was not properly configured to do so.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

² 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

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- b. 47 C.F.R. § 74.1265(b): “(a) “The call sign of the translator or booster together with the name, address, and telephone number of the licensee or local representative of the licensee if the licensee does not reside in the community served by the translator or booster, and the name and address of a person and place where station records are maintained, shall be displayed at the translator or booster site on the structure supporting the transmitting antenna, so as to be visible to a person standing on the ground at the transmitter site. The display shall be prepared so as to withstand normal weathering for a reasonable period of time and shall be maintained in legible condition by the licensee.” At the time of inspection, none of the required information was observed displayed in a manner where it would be visible to a person at the transmitter site.

3. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,³ and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Family Stations, Inc. must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.⁴

4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct Family Stations, Inc. to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Family Stations, Inc. with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Family Stations, Inc.’s response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,⁵ and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee’s possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.⁶

³ 47 U.S.C. § 308(b).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

⁵ Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that “[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : ‘I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)’.” 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

⁶ 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
Houston Office
9597 Jones Road, #362
Houston, Texas 77065

6. This Notice shall be sent to Family Stations, Inc. at its address of record.

7. The Privacy Act of 1974⁷ requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

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⁷ P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).